LOOK UP, LIFT UP

The Motto of the Michigan Epworth League Delegates.

STATE CONVENTION IN SESSION

The Gathering Too Large for the Church-do Hartman's Hall Is Utilized -- Youterday's Work.

Even the most indifferent observer knew something uncommon in the way of a religious gathering was going on in the city yesterday. By noon a great temp of bright looking young people had scattered themselves over the city and were industriously taking in what Grand Rapids had to show in various lines. They vibrated to and from the Division Street M. E. church, and shortly after 2 o'clock filled its auditorium to the utmost, having been re-enforced by an army of methodist ministers and a large local contingent. It was the third annual state convention of the Michigan Epworth league, and its delegates represented every type of young method ist from the severe young man of a theological aspect to the jolly youth whose thief churchly function is in the secial line, and from the prim maiden lady of uncertain age and sewing society proclivities to her regulah yet demure

young sister.

Willis W. Cooper of St. Joseph, member of the national board of control and first vice president of the Michigan division, called the convention to order. The Rev. Mr. Gould deplored the absence of a large company of singers, but called for volunteers from the audience, which there was a liberal response. The entire congregation joined lustily and with true methodist vigor in the singing of "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Giory of the Coming of the Lord," and the convention was under way.

Opening Devotions.

After singing "Glory to His Name,"
Presiding Elder Coggshall read a selection of scripture and H. A Forrest of
Saginaw, and W. W. Cooper of St. Joseph, led in prayer. The presiding elder
reminded the young people that they
were in a methodist church, and that if a petition suited them pretty well there was no reason why they shouldn't say amen to it. The privilege was taken advantage of, and the devotional exercises cheed with the Lord's prayer, repeated by all. After "Nearer My God to Thee," sung with fervor by the whole congregation, Vice President Co-per introduced the troduced the real work of the conven-

It was decided that the chair appoint a committee of five on nominations of officers, to report this afternoon. The Rev. William Denman of the East street Rev. William Denman of the East street church, secretary of the order, read the minutes of the last state convention, hald at Albion, the convention ordered that the vice president appoint committees on resolutions, and that separate committees be appointed on a constitution for the state league, and on enroll-

After discussion of some minor de-tails relative to railroad one-third fare certificates, the Rev. L. M. Moon was appointed railroad secretary to look after the matter. The vice president called attention to a proposal for an in-Epworth leaguers, the Indiana conven-tion having appointed a committee for that purpose and a committee was ordered to report upon it.

Welcomed to Grand Rapids. The Rev. A. M. Gould opened his address of welcome by referring to a library in a certain city, of 300 volumes, all written against methodism and to other like agencies, yet today in any direction from the world's fair city onecould ride 1,000 miles on any road and not pass a town which did not contain a methodiat church. We are not here, however, to glorify methodism or the Epworth league, but to glorify God and plan for better christian service. The delegates from the cities of mills, mines, however, and the cities of mills of the contains and the cities of mills. tumber, sawdust, straits, bays, lakes, rivers, central cities and celery cities, etc. were welcomed to a city which manufactured almost anything and everything, and furniture. He told of one delegate who had looked the town over and made up his mind to stay, even before the convention began. He had secured a place and gone to work so he couldn't attend the afternoon see sien, but he would be there at night. hoped all the delegates would boycott the railroads by not using their re-

turn tickets at all. Mr. Cooper's Response.

Vice President Cooper said he was giad to be here. He had awoke that morning while laughing in his sleep. Refore leaving home he had advertised for some girls to work, and he was awakened by a dream about a mother with fourteen girls who was trying to crewd them all into a little space in his office. He believed the dream prophetic office. He believed the dream prophetic of what had happened to the children of the Epworth league here in Grand Kapada. The accome but found the inclosure to all to contain them. They would the however to the Grand Kapada brethren to provide quarters. He counseled leaguers against regarding the occusion frivolously, but to walk eiconsepectly and work earnestly for the greater success of the Michigan league. He alluded to the work of Chaplain McCabe and his missionary movement, and other special objects, and exhorted a kyal interest in all. Above all else the league had assembled to receive a mighty bissening from Almighty God. Hearts should be filled with a receive at all times the with earnest devotion at all times, above

The Rev. Mr. Gould took a rote on the subject of removing the convention



to Hartmag's hall for the evening season. It prevailed unanimously.

The Rev. Mr. Frye of the Plainfield avenue church cautioned all the delegates to go direct to their places of entertainment for tea, so as not to get lost in the shuffle. He said the local folks were prepared to alsop and "eat them all," if they would find their way to them.

Christian Endeavor Greeting.

The Rev. L. H. Davis of the First presbyterian church addressed the convention fraternally on behalf of the society of Christian Endeavor. He said in feit that in looking in the faces of the Epworthians he was looking in the faces of true brothers and sisters. In the way of recognition of christian brotherhood he had experienced the fact that a man might travel 10,000 miles in a moment of time. The spirit of the age was fraternalism, brotherhood, and in all things charity. The christian church was an army—the grand army of the republic of God. There was but one faith and one object; that all desired to do for and enter into the glory of God. He could not help but recognize the fact that John Wesley was a man thoroughly filled with the enthusiasm of his work and the spirit of Jesus Christ. He said. The world is my parish, and his energy was unwavering. This was what was wanted in all similar associational frightly informed, there were 2,284,000 communicants of the methodist church. 2186,000 officers. Take them all, said he, "and unite them with all the other denominations," unite them "as your own bishops have told you," against the powers of evil in our own land and the evils across the seas. He represented the body which was marching side by side with the Epwerth and he trusted the body which was marching side by side with the Epwerth and he trusted the two would go forward together under the same banner to conquer for God.

Dr. Jackson of the Fountain street baptist church, who was to have

Dr. Jackson of the Feuntain street baptist church, who was to have responded for the Young People's Baptist union, was announced to be at the Christian Endeavor convention at Benton Harbor, and the Rev. Mr. Vaz Kirk was unable to be present.

For Congregationalists.

The Gev. Dr. Bradley spoke for the Young People's Guild of the congregational churches. He said when a man got in a methodist church he got to be a methodist before he knew it. Brother Davis evidently had, and he had never Davis evidently had, and he had never heard a better exhortation by elder or preacher than the one just closed. He had found it made very little difference what the organization was called. The Lord loved them all, he was sure. He was giad to welcome the gatherists. The city needed the inspiration of all those young faces which were set heavenward. He had grown to regard unity as vastly more important than uniformity in christian work. The church had been greatly invigorated by the inspiration of the great bodies of young christians organized in recent years. "Blest He The Tle That Binds was spontaneously sung at the close.

The secretary was unanimously instructed to send fraternal greetings forthwith to the Young People's Christian Endeavor State convention in season at Benton Harbor.

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Secretary Ward of the Y. M. C. A.
gave a fraternal talk on the part of that
organization. The Y. M. C. A., which
was working especially for the good of
those outside of the church, greeted the
great organization of the young people
inside the methodist church. The children of this generation were wise in bringing about thorough organization. Some men who were wise in their own business were foolish in church work, especially so they who opposed the ex-tensive organizations.

Organization the Thing. The Rev. F. A. Smart of Saginaw re sponded to the fraternal addresses. Afsponded to the fraternal addresses. Af-ter alluding to the eloquence and fra-ternity of the other speakers he com-mended all the organizations of young christians. He said the church could close down on the ministers with old-fashioned ideas against organizations for a while and not miss them much.

A voice-What would we do for a

"I believe the church might afford to support you in idleness for a while." The M. E. church had already settled the old questions which some were yet discussing. He referred to the mottos of the various evangelical young people's organizations, and said that if christians would discuss them more and theological questions less they would be bet-ter employed. To the representatives of the other associations he agnounced that the Epworthians held out at least 500 pairs of hands to them. They wanted to march shoulder to shoulder as suggested. He believed not only that as suggested. He believed not only that the Epworth league was destined to unite its churches north and south, but would also be the means of uniting the great bodies of young people. "May God help you, and our prayer is that at least as much, if not more, good may result from your work than from that of the Ep-

worth league.

Committee Appointments The vice president announced the folowing committee appointments:
On Nominations - E. B. Patterson,

A. Smart, Harry Burke, Miss Edith Taylor, Miss E. C. Long. On Resolutions John Mealay, R. P. Parish, Shirley Smith. State Constitution—L. F. Thompson, Miss Phelps and Mr. Burns. On Enrollment—Local committee on

entertainment. Interstate Conference - Mesers. Troy, Beal and Houghton.

Evening Meeting. At the evening meeting the Rev. Dr. Potts of Detroit spoke as follows: "I have no need to talk very long, for Mr. Berry is cocked and primed and loaded to the brim. The Epworth movement is one of the greatest movements of the because it interests young people and leads them into the right kind of character building. If all the young character building. If all the young people could be engaged in that work this would soon be a more glorious untion than it is. Look at Latimer. Then itate to speak of so base a creature. He is said at one time to have been interested in the Sunday school. I don't be lieve it. He may have been in the Sunday school. day school, but long before he can a there he had started to build the char acter which will lead him to eternal damnation. It is while young the character is molded, and the Epworth league strives to lead the young into the

right kind of character."
The Rev J. F. Berry, editor of the Epworth Herald of Chicago said. "I need not apologize to you for asking you to ask questions tonight which I will try to answer. My idea of an Epworth league is not a place for a display of rhetoric or oratory, but a place where questions should be asked. I know there are things in our constitution re are things in our constitution which you do not understand, and I have asked you to place these misunder standings in the form of questions with the interrogation mark pointed at me.

He Answered Questions.

"The first question which I find in my hand in Why is there so much said in the Epworth league about church fidelity? It is because we believe in denominationalist. We wish every Strahan & Greulich, where he man and woman to be firmly devoted to pleased to see all his old friends.

his or her own denomination. The man who most firmly believes in and stands by his own denomination has the most fraternal feeling for his brothers in other denominations.

"The next question is. What is the at-titude of the league on the temperance question." It is the attitude of hostility to that greatest abomination of the age. It is your duty, young men, to stop with your ballet the greatest curse of the

"Is not the Epworth league abnormally developed?" is the next. I think not. There is room for large development in this work. We have ducks and society leaders who should not be the leaders of society. We wish to provide social enjoyment for our young people. I have heard the objection that the league is simply a sparking school; that all the boys go for is to meet the girls, and all the girls go for is to meet the boys. Well, that is good in itself. We

boys. Well, that is good in itself. We are glad if these sparking schools lead to some good Epworth marriages and raising up some good Epworth families.

"How can we bestget the disinterested members out to the literary meetings' is what I see next. Make your programs interesting and then taik in a rather mysterious manner of the grand times you have there, and you will get out all the disinterested members. Is it best to admit old people into the league? Well, now, I could have answered that easier a few years ago. I do not care to draw the age line too fine, lest I rule myself out. You cannot tell how old a man is than by his years. Take in all men who have young heasts. Is it best to put young people forward in the church work? I think not. God will use them for the conversion of the young use them for the conversion of the young people who are not yet enjoying the blessed privileges of a christian life."

WILL SUE THE ROAD.

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Toledo, Ohio, April 5.—Chairman Taylor of the Ann Arbor strike committee stated this afternoon that suit will probably be brought against the rail road company by the strikers for \$40,000. This is their rough estimate of the amount due them. It represents the difference set between the arbitration scale and the amount paid by the company. Said Mr. Taylor further: "Mr. Ashley has chosen to bring this matter into the courts and I think we can make it interesting for him. It has not yet been shown by the courts whether this strike is legal or not, and we will wait for the decision of the supreme court. Ashley needs our men more than they need the positions. I know positively that he is not running his road as he claims. The road is not safe to run over as it is now operated. Of course it is hard to make people believe this when I say it, as they claim I am sore and prejudiced. We can stick out the strike for sixty days more, and then if there is no change we will adopt another course. There are more ways than one to obtain our object. We can afford to wait and the Ashleys will be the losers in the long run. None of the men have gone back, nor will they do so. We are drawing almost an equivalent to our salaries and although the clause in our brotherhood stipulates that we only receive pay for one month, there is an amendment to it of which the public is ignorant. That will be easy as we have a good case."

Jackson, Mich., April 5.—The master steam and hot water fitters of the state met in this city today and completed the organization of a state association, to be auxiliary to the national association. The association now comprises all the leading firms in the state, and its pur-poses are the fixing of the customary usuges and methods of trade between manufacturers, jobbers and dealers and those with whom they deal. Tomorrow the master plumbers of the state will meet here to form a state organization.

Will Sue a Newspaper.

LANSING, Mich., April 5. James G. Randall, of Detroit boulevard fame, tonight made a proposition to Thomas Barkworth, the well known Jackson attorney, to associate with Colonel Atkin-son in trying one of his big libel suits against the Detroit Evening News. Mr. Barkworth has tried three libel suits and been successful in each, securing two verdicts for libel, and successfully defending a paper sued. Mr. Barkworth will probably accept Mr. Randall'sprop-

Barkworth's Mandamus Case.

LANSING, Mich., April 5.-A large crowd heard the closing arguments in the Barkworth mandamus case in the supreme court today. Mr. Ellis argued a short time when court opened, being followed by Mr. Barkworth in a short but cohoise argument. Mr. Cooley closed and the case was taken under ad-The call for tomorrow is: Nos. 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12 and 13.

Burglars at White Pigeon.

WRITE PIGEON, Mich., April 5.—The postoffice, F. E. Fieldhouse's grocery, Jennie Sheap's millinery store, A. Seidenschnuer's restaurant and Weatherwax's saloon were burglarized last night. Everything indicates home tal-ent. The loss is small.

Infantry Reunion.

Iosts, Mich., April 5.—The Twenty-seventh Michigan infantry are holding a rennion in this city today and there are over fifty members present. A rous-ing camptire was held this evening in the opera house. The business meeting will be held tomorrow.

Latest Returns From Ionia.

Ionia, Mich., April 5.—The complete returns for Ionia county give Hooker, justice, \$15; Kiefer, regent, 500, and D. M. Davis, circuit judge, 85. Davis majority in Ionia and Montcalm counties is \$78. The amendments in this county were allower wholmingly defeated.

Summers Would Be Warden. Lassino, Mich., April 5.-A delegacalled upon Governor Rich this morning and urged him to appoint ex Sheriff J. B. Summers of Montcalm, warden of the Ionia house of correction.

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